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1. [REDACTED] in a conversation at a social gathering yesterday evening, Senator Claiborne Pell, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted early Senate action on the "end the war" issue. Representative Peter Frelinghuysen, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, indicated that the House might follow suit if no progress was made in the Vietnam negotiations within the next several weeks.

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2. [REDACTED] Called Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, in response to his call of yesterday requesting a briefing on the effects of the bombing in Vietnam. George Carver, SAVA, joined in our phone conversation and explained to Slatinshek certain essential facts, but emphasized that keeping tabs on U.S. action was not an Agency responsibility and we were in no position to provide definitive answers to some of his questions. Slatinshek said he wanted as much information as we could give him prior to Secretary Laird's appearance before the Committee on Monday but he realized our concern about "getting caught in the middle" on some of the politically explosive issues involved, and didn't press us further at this time.

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3. [REDACTED] Talked to John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who said he thought we were reasonably safe in assuming that we would not be called up to testify for the next ten days or so.

In response to his earlier question to [REDACTED] I told Goldsmith we had no material reflecting Mr. Schlesinger's analysis of the intelligence community during his days in OMB, and suggested he contact OMB or Mr. Schlesinger directly if he wanted to pursue this matter.

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